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Dr. George Hashim
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Dear Dr. Hashim:

I have been chosen to chair the 1996 FASEB (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology) Summer Conference on Protein Phosphatases to be held July 21-26, 1996 at Copper Mountain, Colorado. The Vice-chair of this conference is Dr. Nick Tonks of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

About 30 participants from North America and Europe have accepted invitations to speak, depending on the availability of financial support. I need to raise \$20,000 for partial support of travel and registration expenses. I am writing to enquire about a possible financial contribution from your company. I have attached a copy of the program and the list of confirmed speakers. We have included a number of young investigators which is important in such a meeting, but they often have the most limited resources.

This conference is particularly important as it is the only one devoted specifically to this topic. Recent progress on protein phosphatases has been rapid and exciting, particularly regarding the potential clinical relevance of phosphatases as targets for novel therapeutic agents. For example, the immunosuppressants cyclosporin and FK506 act by inhibiting calcineurin, a serine phosphatase involved in the signaling pathway controlling cytokine expression.

The conference will be advertised by FASEB to their entire membership, as well as in various journals and Society newsletters. We expect that a large number of people will apply to attend the conference. Attendance is limited to approximately 150 individuals, including speakers, to promote an informal atmosphere and encourage interactions. If you would like more details about the meeting, please contact me. I and the other conferees will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Checks should be annotated "Protein Phosphatases" and made payable to:

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